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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EIC WORKING GROUP  
ON  
SINO-SOVIET BLOC ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES  
PERTAINING TO UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS

1. PURPOSE:

To assemble and produce coordinated current intelligence from all sources on Sino-Soviet Bloc economic activities pertaining to underdeveloped areas.

2. SUBJECT MATTER SCOPE:

The Working Group shall be concerned with:

a. Sino-Soviet Bloc activities pointing to offers, contracts and/or shipments to Free World areas, particularly underdeveloped areas, of industrial goods, capital equipment, complete plant installations or armaments, as well as the technical assistance accompanying such activities.

b. The type and extent of technical assistance contemplated or provided by the Bloc to Free World areas independent of arrangements for the export of Bloc equipment or plant installations.

c. Bloc activities relating to the purchase and import or brokerage of commodity surpluses in the Free World.

d. Loans, credits, and other trade or payment arrangements between the Bloc and underdeveloped areas of the Free World related to the above activities or for other purposes.

3. FUNCTIONS:

The Working Group shall assemble and evaluate information from all sources available to EIC member departments and appropriate associate member departments on Bloc economic activities pertaining to Free World underdeveloped areas, and

a. Prepare an initial basic summary of Sino-Soviet activities in these fields in the Post-War period.

b. Report on new Soviet economic activities in these fields and the current status of continuing activities, in bi-weekly briefs and in quarterly round-up reports.

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4. ORGANIZATION:

a. The members of the Working Group will include representatives from State and CIA, and from the Service Departments to the extent that they desire to participate. State and CIA will have primary responsibility for evaluating the information on Bloc economic activities directed toward the Free World; the Service members of the EIC will have primary responsibility for evaluating information on the export of Bloc armaments.

b. Associate EIC member departments may participate upon request of the Working Group.

c. The Chairman of the Working Group will be appointed by the EIC.

d. CIA will provide the secretariat services required by the Working Group.

5. PROCEDURES:

a. The bi-weekly briefs shall be distributed as EIC Working Group papers after the approval of the Working Group, and shall be circulated to all regular EIC members and to other interested departments in the Government.

b. The quarterly reports of the Working Group shall be approved by the regular members of the EIC prior to their publication as EIC reports.

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